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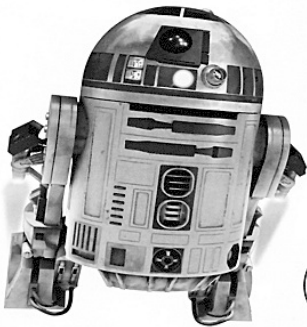


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R2-D2

R2-D2

This is R2-D2. He is a clever machine called a droid.

R2-D2 talks using whistles and beeps. He can talk to other droids, and some humans can understand him as well.

R2-D2 is not very big, but he is no pushover. When he is angry, he bounces up and down and stamps his feet!



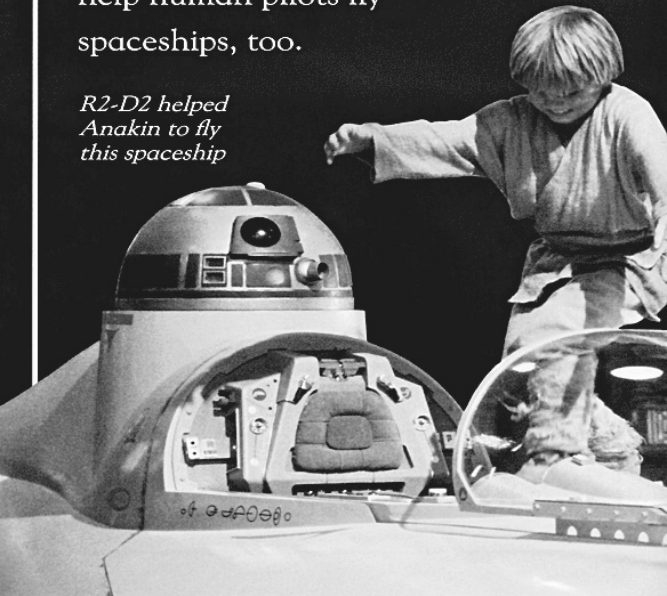
Droid height

R2-D2 is just under one metre tall. He's only a little bit shorter than Anakin when he was a young boy.

Droid Jobs

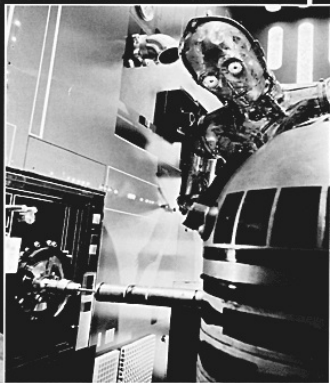
R2-D2 is an astromech droid. Astromech droids take care of spaceships. Sometimes they help human pilots fly spaceships, too.

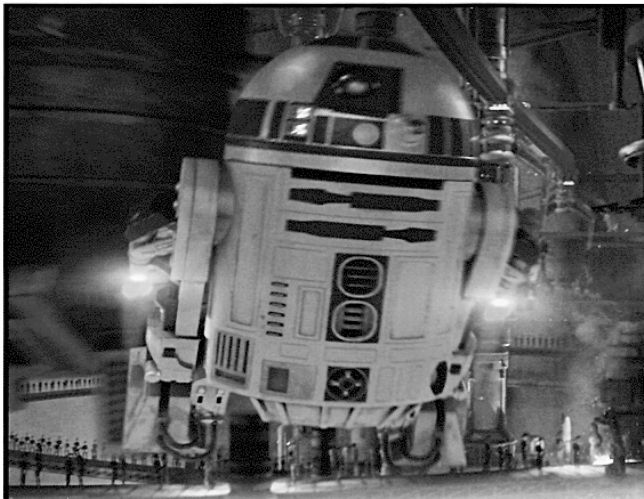
*R2-D2 helped
Anakin to fly
this spaceship*



R2-D2 can talk to computers that help fly the spaceships. He plugs a special tool into the computer to talk to it.

R2-D2 has lots of tools hidden inside his body. So don't be surprised if a cutting arm or a grasping arm pops out of a panel in his body.





Special Powers

R2-D2 moves around on his three wheeled feet.

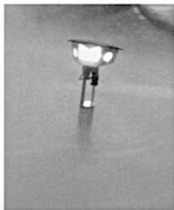
R2-D2 can fly as well. He uses rocket boosters that pop out of his sides.



Secret message

R2-D2 can record and play messages. Here's Princess Leia, who recorded a secret message for Obi-Wan Kenobi.

R2-D2 can look around corners or from underwater using a special eye that pops up from the top of his head.



Deadly Missions

R2-D2's life is very exciting.

He once repaired Padmé Amidala's spaceship from the outside while it was flying in space.

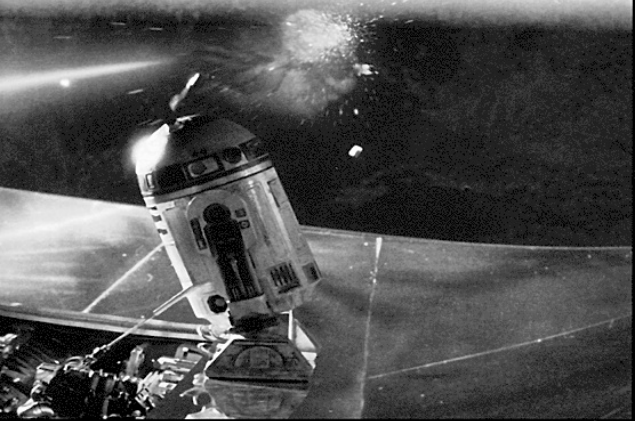


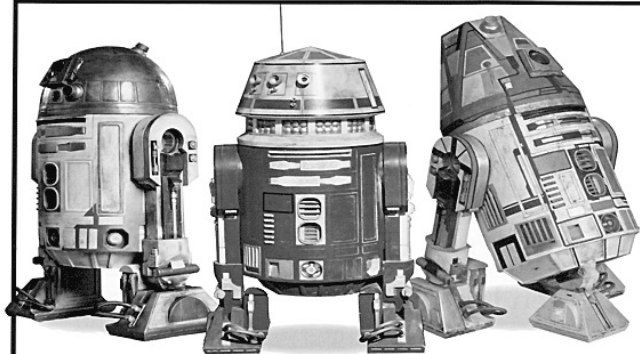
Owners

R2-D2 has worked for Padmé Amidala, Anakin Skywalker, Princess Leia and Luke Skywalker.



Another time, some Jawas captured R2-D2. The Jawas sold R2-D2 to Owen Lars, Luke Skywalker's uncle.





R4-G9

R5-X2

R4-A22

Astromech Droids

Astromech droids like R2-D2 come in all sorts of colours and styles.



R2-D2 used to work with a team of astromech droids in Padmé Amidala's spaceship.

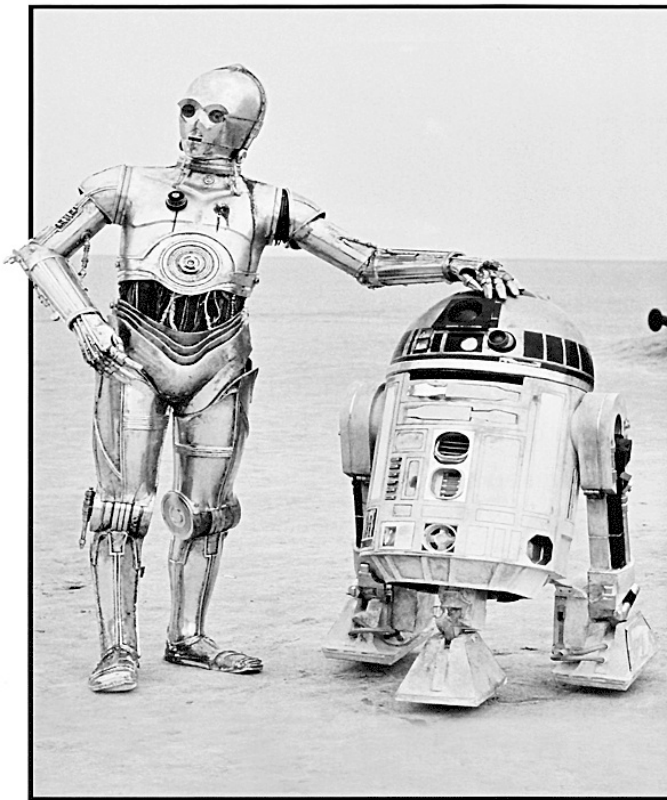


R4-P17 had a red dome. It was built into Obi-Wan Kenobi's spaceship. Unfortunately a nasty buzz droid destroyed R4-P17 in a big space battle.

Uncle Owen nearly bought a droid called R5-D4. But it was faulty and its head blew up. So Owen chose trusty R2-D2 instead.



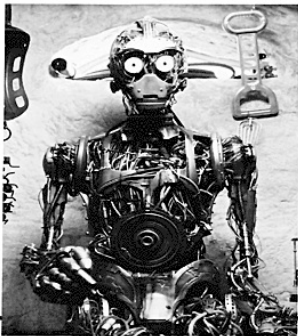
R5-D4



C-3PO

R2-D2 is best friends with a golden droid called C-3PO. R2-D2 is scared of nothing, but C-3PO worries about everything!

C-3PO is a protocol droid. Protocol droids can speak millions of languages. They help people in the galaxy speak to each other.



See-through PO!

Anakin Skywalker built C-3PO. At first, C-3PO was not covered in shiny golden metal. You could see all his wires and parts. C-3PO said that he felt naked!

Clumsy Droid

Parts of C-3PO's body would sometimes fall off. Luckily, it doesn't hurt him and he can be repaired.

Once, a big machine in a factory pulled off C-3PO's head by mistake. The machine put a different head onto his body. Fortunately, R2-D2 came to C-3PO's rescue!

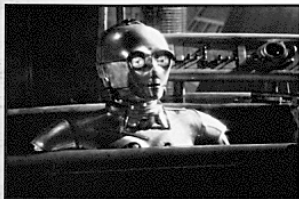


*R2-D2 puts
C-3PO's
correct head
back on*



Another time,
C-3PO was
completely
taken apart.

If it hadn't
been for
his friend
Chewbacca,
he'd have
been recycled!



Clean machine

C-3PO loves to soak
in an oil bath. It
cleans off all the dust
and dirt from his parts
and makes him feel
like new again.

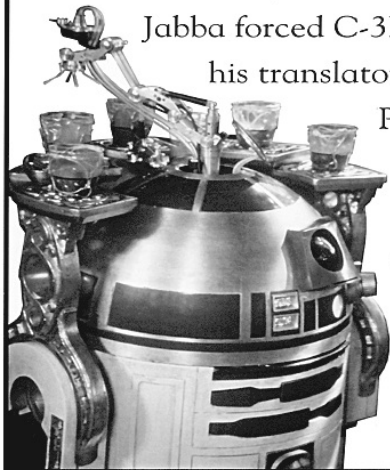
Famous Adventures

C-3PO and R2-D2 have had lots of adventures together!

They once travelled to Jabba the Hutt's palace to rescue their friend Han Solo. But Jabba captured them.

Jabba forced C-3PO to become his translator droid.

Poor R2-D2 became a waiter, with a drinks tray attached to his head!



On another mission, C-3PO met the furry Ewoks, who live in tree houses. The Ewoks thought that such a shiny droid must have great magical powers!



Protocol Droids

Most protocol droids are friendly, but some are dangerous.

TC-14 tried to trick Qui-Gon Jinn and Obi-Wan Kenobi. She led them into a room that filled with poisonous gas.

The Jedi escaped, but they let TC-14 go.

TC-14 looks like C-3PO, but she is silver not gold



4-LOM has a body like C-3PO, but his head is shaped like an insect's head.

His job is to capture people. Darth Vader



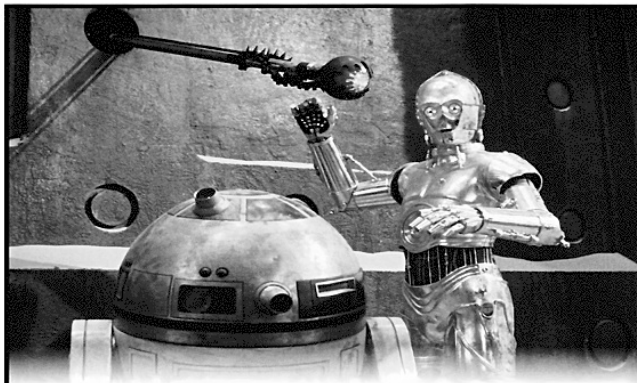
4-LOM

once wanted him to find and capture Han Solo.

CZ-3



CZ-3 was an unlucky droid. He got mixed up in one of Jabba the Hutt's criminal plots. He was destroyed and scrap dealers stole his remains.



Droids Everywhere

Droids are everywhere. They do all sorts of jobs.

This gatekeeper droid stands inside the door at Jabba's palace. When visitors knock, it pokes its eye through a peep-hole in the door.

Gonk, gonk! What's that noise? It's a GNK droid, also called a gonk droid. Gonk droids walk around on two legs and supply power to machines.



Gonk droid

Watch out for MSE-6 droids, also called mouse droids. These small cleaning and repair droids whiz by your feet – don't trip over one!



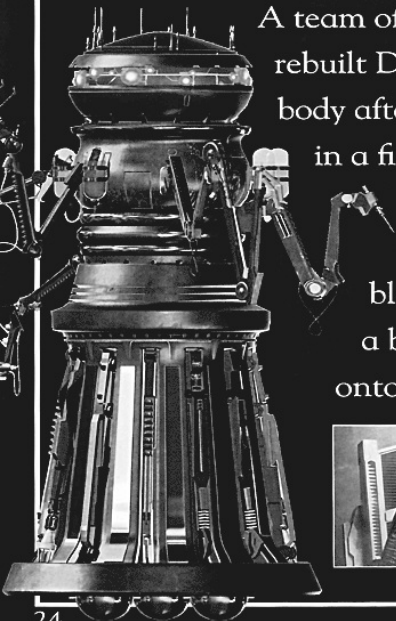
Mouse droid

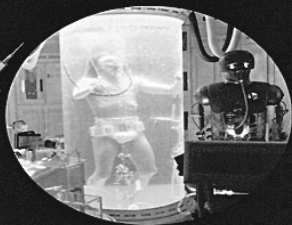
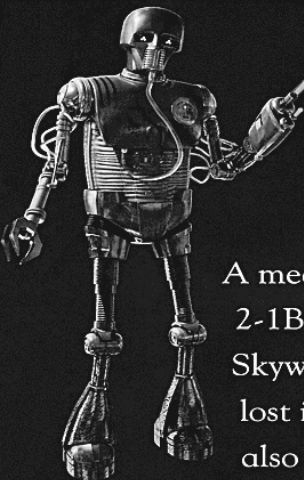
Medical Droids

If you are ill or hurt, you might need a medical droid to take care of you!

A team of medical droids rebuilt Darth Vader's body after he was hurt in a fight with Obi-Wan Kenobi.

They fitted black armour and a black helmet onto his body.

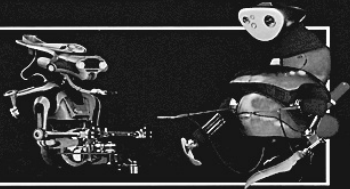




A medical droid called 2-1B treated Luke Skywalker after he was lost in the snow. 2-1B also fitted Luke with a mechanical hand after he lost his own in a fight with Darth Vader.

Midwife droids

These droids helped Padmé Amidala give birth to Luke and Leia.



Deadly Droids

Some droids are not friendly.
They have blasters and
other deadly weapons.

Droidekas roll into battle
like a ball. Then they
unwind and shield

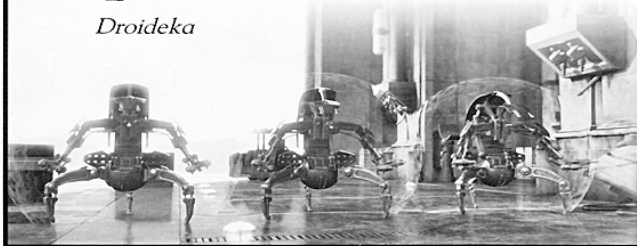
themselves in
glowing energy.
They have blasters
on both arms.



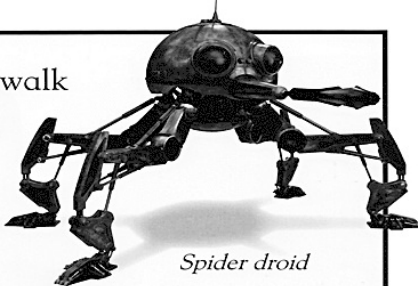
Battle droid



Droideka



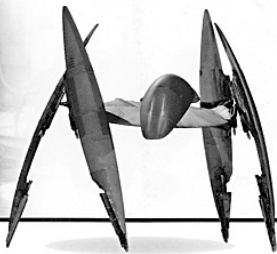
Spider droids walk
on four legs.
Their dome-
shaped
heads are



Spider droid

fitted with cannons that blast at
anything in their path.

Droid starfighters can fly in space,
with their guns blazing. They can
also walk into battle on the tips of
their wings. Either way, watch out!



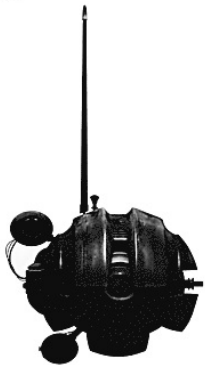


Spy Droids

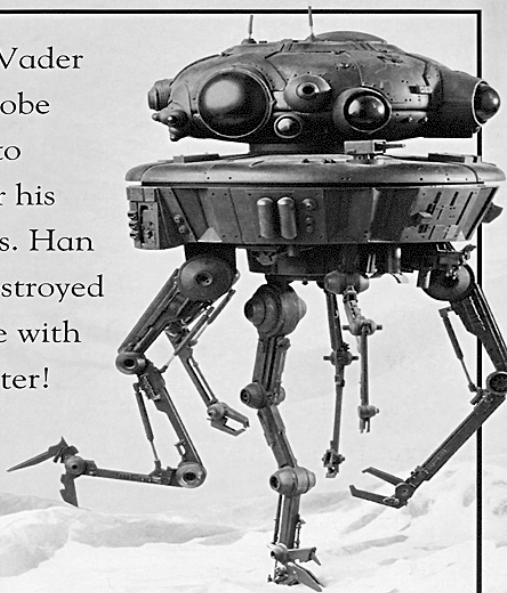
These spy droids might be watching you!

Darth Maul's spy droids fly around looking for Queen Amidala, Jedi Qui-Gon Jinn and Obi-Wan Kenobi.

Spy droid



Darth Vader
used probe
droids to
look for his
enemies. Han
Solo destroyed
this one with
his blaster!



Imperial droids

Little patrol droids are everywhere, looking for criminals. They report to Stormtroopers.





One of a Kind

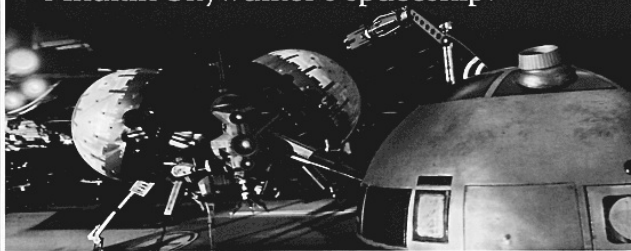
If anything attacks R2-D2, he has some surprises in store!

He can frighten

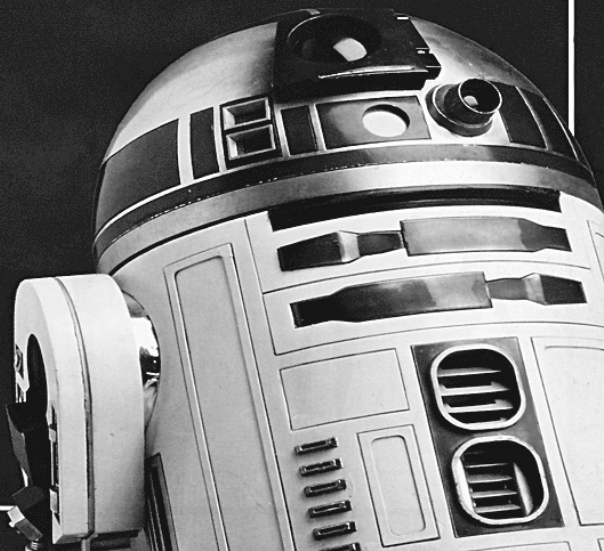
▲ off attackers by

shooting out jets of smoke and making loud noises and whistles.

Once he destroyed a deadly buzz droid that attacked Anakin Skywalker's spaceship!



But R2-D2 won't frighten you.
You are one of his friends. Listen.
"Beep whoot ooo!"
R2-D2 is saying goodbye to you.
Goodbye R2-D2!



Test your Knowledge

Which of these droids are friendly and which are not?



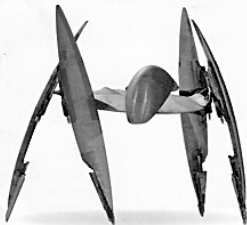
Good ☐

Bad ☐



Good ☐

Bad ☐



Good ☐

Bad ☐



Good ☐

Bad ☐

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